

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
WESTERN DIVISION**

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JOHN WINDER,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	No. 2:24-cv-02993-SHL-atc
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AMAZON.COM, INC., et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

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**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO RECUSE JUDGE**

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Plaintiff John Winder requests that this Court recuse itself under 28 U.S.C. § 455. (ECF No. 16 at PageID 176.) His motion is missing at least one page—the same page on which he appears to discuss why the Court should recuse itself. (See id. at PageID 176–77.) Nevertheless, although the motion is incomplete, Winder seems to argue that Defendants’ counsel improperly contacted the Court in violation of Local Rule 83.6<sup>1</sup> by emailing a proposed order to the Court’s ECF email address. (Id. at PageID 176.) But emailing the Court a proposed order is not a violation of the rule against ex parte communication—it is required by Local Rule 7.2(a)(1)(A), and Defendants’ counsel copied Winder on the email. (See ECF No. 16-1 at PageID 180.) There being no improper ex parte communication, Winder’s motion is **DENIED** as to the undersigned.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 18th day of July, 2025.

s/ Sheryl H. Lipman  
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SHERYL H. LIPMAN  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> Winder mistakenly cites Local Rule 83.7, which addresses the Civil Pro Bono Panel. Because Winder’s motion discusses a communication sent to the Court, it will be construed under Local Rule 83.6, which prohibits ex parte communications.

<sup>2</sup> Winder also seeks an order of recusal from Magistrate Judge Christoff, who separately addressed this portion of Winder’s motion in her own order. (ECF No. 22 at PageID 338.)